

## **Kettering Buccleuch Academy Design Homework Policy**

Regularly completing homework is an essential part of learning at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. Homework can be set for many purposes but some of the main aims are to assess and monitor students learning, consolidate learning, develop valuable research skills, promote independent study and to stretch more able students.

Students will be set homework according to one of the policies below. These vary because of the number of lessons a student will have in different subjects in different Academy years. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's homework please do not hesitate to contact the relevant person via their email address below. Alternatively you can phone the Academy on 01536 515644.

### **DT**

#### **Years 7, 8 and 9**

Students will receive one piece of homework a week. Some of this homework will be essential for students to achieve the highest levels for the module they are studying at the time, others may be research tasks in preparation for the following lesson or exercises to reinforce new knowledge/ skills that may have been taught in a lesson.

#### **Years 10 to 11**

In these academic years every student will receive one piece of homework per week. This homework should take between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. Extended pieces of homework may be set over holidays or as a project during a term.

All students taking GCSE in DT subjects will be given a workbook to complete which will form an essential part of the homework programme and will be vital preparation for the external exam that will be sat at the end of Y10 which is worth 40 of the final grade. We have purchased these for all students and they are provided free of charge. However, should the workbook be lost then it will cost £4.95 to replace and can be purchased from school, most bookshops or online. Students will be expected to attend detentions for all their homework until a replacement is purchased. In addition, 'free-standing' tasks for the whole class or coursework specific activities for individuals will also be set as appropriate.

#### **Years 12 and 13**

In these academic years every student will receive one piece of homework in Product Design:3D every week. This homework should take between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. In addition to this it is expected that each student will do a minimum of 3 hours independent study/ coursework development every week and will be individually agreed with staff to ensure progress towards target grades is maintained or exceeded.

If you have any concerns or questions about homework please email the Curriculum Leader for DT, Mr R Jeffrey Pearce at [Jeff.Pearce@ketteringbucdeuch-academy.org](mailto:Jeff.Pearce@ketteringbucdeuch-academy.org).